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TO: All Facility Safety Heads
All Facility Coordinators

FROM: 429/Safety Manager, Head, Safety Engineering
Branch, SSQRD

SUBJECT: Facility Safety Head Advisory Board

In January 1985, a Facility Safety Head Advisory Board was formed to provide a mechanism for Facility Safety Heads' involvement in the establishment and implementation of safety policy at LaRC. Facility Safety Head Board members and the organizations which they represent are listed below:

| <u>Board Members</u> | <u>Organization Represented</u> |
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| Z. T. Applin | Aeronautics Directorate |
| J. L. Dillon | Aeronautics Directorate |
| E. J. Ray | Aeronautics Directorate |
| J. F. Guarino | Electronics Directorate |
| A. R. Fecondo | Electronics Directorate |
| F. M. Smith | Space Directorate |
| R. P. Rhinehart | Space Directorate |
| C. R. Pearson | Structures Directorate |
| T. T. Bales | Structures Directorate |
| C. R. McMath | Management Operations |
| R. W. Mason | Systems Engineering & Operations |
| D. G. Holden | Flight Systems Directorate |

There were a number of objectives which led to creating this Advisory Board. Clearly, new or revised safety policy and programs can be implemented with maximum effectiveness if the Facility Safety Heads are aware of the basis upon which the policy is formed. Further, any potential problems associated with implementation can be minimized if the Facility Safety Heads and the Safety personnel address these matters before the policy/program is implemented.

Facility Safety Heads and Coordinators are key elements in the Center's Safety and Health program. Management is aware that the success of our program in recent years is a direct result of the safety awareness attitudes reflected by these individuals. No matter how well intended safety policy and procedures may be, the actual implementation can in fact cause operational problems, productivity concerns and even employee resentment. The Facility Safety Heads and Coordinators are the first personnel in the "Safety organization" to usually see or hear about the problems. This Advisory Board affords all of you a means to bring these concerns to the attention of the Safety function through your Directorate representative. The concerns you have may be unique, but they may well be applicable in other facilities. This Board can insure the appropriate review and communication critical to our safety posture.

The Safety Engineering Branch of SSQRD will continue to remain committed to promptly responding to your specific requests for support, but this Advisory Board affords you an additional method for insuring programmatic review and consideration of both your concerns and suggestions. The effectiveness of the Board can be significantly enhanced if each of us will remember that it was established to improve communication.

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